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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. ☒ Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response.
2. ☐ Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
☐ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status  
☒ Other than a Small Entity
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CALCULATION OF FEES**

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	58	minus	69	0	\$50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	minus	6	0	\$200	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$360	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$0.00

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

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4. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for additional claims.  
☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- ☒ (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Ext. Mos.</u>	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

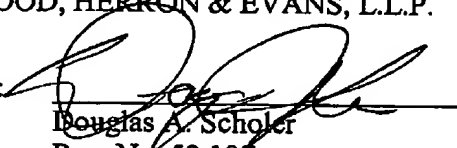
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- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- OR**
- ☐ (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
6. ☒ If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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